

RESNET HERS RATER PATH TO CERTIFICATION



Home Energy Ratings (HERS ratings) in the U.S. are managed by the Residential Energy Services Network (RESNET). RESNET performs three distinct tasks within the industry: 1) defining and testing the knowledge that is required of HERS Raters, 2) specifying the requirements for software that is used to perform HERS ratings, and 3) performing quality assurance evaluations of the work performed by HERS raters.

A nationwide network of private organizations manages the training, testing, and supervision of HERS Raters (Raters). These responsibilities are divided between two types of organizations: 1) RESNET Training Providers, and 2) RESNET Rating Providers.

RESNET Training Providers offer both online and classroom seminars that Rater candidates may attend. The RESNET standards recommend but do not require this training for Rater candidates. Training Providers also observe Rater candidates in the performance of two Supervised Ratings that include the use of approved rating software. At least one of these Ratings must be a “confirmed” rating on-site at a completed home. One of the ratings may be a “projected” rating that is taken from architectural plans and specifications. These two Supervised Ratings are mandatory under RESNET standards. Training Providers also administer the 50-question multiple-choice National Rater Competency Test (Rater Test) to Rater candidates. The Rater Test may be administered in person, or remotely at a library or other approved facility. Successful Rater candidates must receive a score of at least 80% on the test.

Once the training and testing requirements have been met the candidate is considered a “probationary rater” and may then perform HERS Ratings for clients under the oversight of a RESNET Rating Provider, who also will finalize the HERS Rater Certification. All HERS ratings must be performed under the oversight of this Rating Provider, who may be local to the Rater or who works nationally, such as [Energy Logic](#) or [Guaranteed Watt Saver](#). Within one year of completing the training and testing requirements Raters must submit at least three Ratings to their chosen Rating Provider. The Rating Provider will perform a close analysis of these three Probationary Ratings, offer feedback to the Rater about any shortcomings, and certify the Rater once those conditions have been met. The Rating Provider will continue to perform quality control reviews on the Rater’s submitted ratings – at least 10% of all Ratings will be reviewed on paper at the Rating Provider’s office, and the Rating Provider will send a Quality Assurance Designee to perform a field review of at least 1% (or a minimum of 1 per year) of all submitted ratings.

Resources

Saturn Online office: <http://www.SaturnOnline.biz/> (800) 735-0577

RESNET office: <http://www.resnet.us/> (760) 806-3448

List of Training Providers: <http://www.resnet.us/programs/training/directory.aspx/>

List of Rating Providers: <http://www.resnet.us/programs/providers/directory.aspx/>

Step to HERS Certification	Service Provider	Requirement
Study construction, building science, and the rating industry. Take online classes, attend classroom training, and/or study on your own.	Saturn Online, other RESNET Training Providers	Optional
Sit for the 2-hour 50-question Rater Test. Pass with an 80% or higher score. Test may be administered in the classroom or through a local test proctor.	Saturn Online or other RESNET Training Providers	Mandatory
Learn how to use RESNET-approved rating software. Take online classes, attend classroom training, and/or study on your own.	Saturn Online, other RESNET Training Providers	Optional
Perform two supervised Ratings in the presence of a RESNET Training Provider. One must be a Confirmed Rating performed on a completed home.	Saturn Online or other RESNET Training Providers	Mandatory
Perform three Probationary Ratings within one year of passing the National Rater Test.	RESNET Rating Provider	Mandatory
Submit all Ratings for quality control and approval.	RESNET Rating Provider	Mandatory and Ongoing
Take approved continuing education courses totaling 12 hours per year.	Saturn Online or other RESNET Training Providers	Mandatory and Ongoing

BPI BUILDING ANALYST PATH TO CERTIFICATION



The Building Performance Institute has established a Building Analyst Certification which provides customer assurance that the Building Performance Professional is qualified to perform home evaluation which focuses on the house-as-a-system concept.

A nationwide network of BPI Affiliate organizations provide the training for BPI Building Analysts. The BPI standards strongly recommend but do not require this training. BPI Affiliates offer both online and classroom seminars that Building Analyst candidates may attend. BPI Affiliates also observe candidates in the performance of a 100-question multiple-choice certification exam as well as a practical field evaluation. The exam may be administered in person, or remotely at a library or other approved facility. Successful candidates must receive a score of at least 70% on the test. The field evaluation must be performed in the presence of a BPI affiliate.

Once the testing and evaluation requirements have been met and the application has been processed the candidate is certified by BPI.

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Saturn Online office: <http://www.SaturnOnline.biz/> (800) 735-0577

BPI office: <http://www.bpi.org> (518) 899-2727

BPI BA Application form: <http://bpi.org/content/contractors/certification-application.html>

List of Affiliates: <http://bpi.org/content/contractors/training.php>

Step to BA Certification	Service Provider	Requirement
Study construction, building science, and the rating industry. Take online classes, attend classroom training, and/or study on your own.	Saturn Online, other BPI Affiliates	Optional
Sit for the 2-hour 100-question Building Analyst Exam. Pass with an 70% or higher score. Test may be administered in the classroom or remotely.	Saturn Online or other BPI Affiliates	Mandatory
Pass a 1-1/2 hour field evaluation in the presence of a BPI Affiliate.	Saturn Online or other BPI Affiliates	Mandatory
Take a combination of continuing education courses and a renewal field evaluation.	Saturn Online or other BPI Affiliates	Mandatory and Ongoing